



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
9 JUNE 2015**

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 9 JUNE 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL, 64 FITZROY STREET, WARWICK AT 12:30PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Crs Blundell (Chair), Bartley, Gow, Ingram, Mackenzie, McNally, Meiklejohn, Pennisi and Rees.

Officers: David Keenan (Chief Executive Officer), Chris Whitaker (Acting Director Engineering Services), Ken Harris (Director Planning & Environment), David Tuxford (Director Business & Community Services), Cheree Noble (Minute Secretary)

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item No	Item Precis	Nature of Conflict
4.1	BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Fees and Charges	Cr Mackenzie declared that a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>), may exist as he sells cattle at the Saleyards and the draft Fees and Charges include saleyard fees. Cr Mackenzie dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was his determination that his personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to him making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr Mackenzie participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.
4.1	BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Fees and Charges	Cr Mackenzie declared that a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>), may exist as he has recently paid overtime fees to Council for a weekday funeral. Cr Mackenzie dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was his determination that his personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to him making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest, as the recommendation is that the weekday overtime fees be removed from the 2015/2016 Fees and Charges. Cr Mackenzie participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.

4. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public and move 'into Committee' to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

Recommendation

THAT the meeting be closed to the public and move into committee to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following, as indicated:

4.1 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Fees and Charges

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government budget.

4.2 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Capital Works Program

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government budget.

4.3 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Operating Budget

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government budget.

4.4 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Levies

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government budget.

4.5 Information on Disposal of White Plant Fleet and Potential Reduced Plant Capital Budget

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government budget.

Meeting In Camera

Resolution

Resolution

Moved Cr D Ingram

Seconded Cr N Meiklejohn

THAT the meeting move into closed session.

Carried

The Meeting moved into closed session at 12.38 pm.

12:55 PM Cr R Bartley left the meeting.
12:56 PM Cr R Bartley rejoined the meeting.
01:55 PM Cr N Meiklejohn left the meeting.
01:57 PM Cr N Meiklejohn rejoined the meeting.
02:07 PM Cr J Mackenzie left the meeting.
02:13 PM Cr G Rees left the meeting.
02:14 PM Cr J Mackenzie rejoined the meeting.
02:15 PM Cr G Rees rejoined the meeting.
02:25 PM Cr J McNally left the meeting.
02:27 PM Cr J McNally rejoined the meeting.
02:54 PM Cr C Gow left the meeting.
02:59 PM Cr C Gow rejoined the meeting.
03:34 PM Cr N Meiklejohn left the meeting.
03:36 PM Cr N Meiklejohn rejoined the meeting.

Meeting Out Of Camera

Resolved

THAT the meeting resume in open session.

Carried

The meeting resumed in open session at 4.01pm.

Cr J Mackenzie declared that a perceived conflict of interest in relation to Item 4.1 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Fees and Charges, (as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009), may exist as he sells cattle at the Warwick Saleyards and the draft Fees and Charges include saleyard fees. Cr J Mackenzie dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was his determination that his personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to him making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr J Mackenzie participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.

Cr Mackenzie declared that a perceived conflict of interest in relation to Item 4.1 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Fees and Charges (as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009), may exist as he has recently paid overtime fees to Council for a weekday funeral. Cr Mackenzie dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was his determination that his personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to him making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr Mackenzie participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.

4.1 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Fees and Charges

Resolution

Moved Cr N Meiklejohn

Seconded Cr G Rees

THAT Council

1. Receive the proposed schedule of Fees and Charges for 2015/2016 as contained in Attachment 1 for inclusion in the 2015/2016 Draft Budget for adoption at the 24 June 2015 Council meeting, and
2. Consider the proposed Fees and Charges regarding the items below as part of the Draft budget:

Library

Fine for overdue items - \$2.00 per item being returned up to a maximum of \$15.00

A charge for Interlibrary borrowing - \$5.00 per item

A booking fee for the meeting room - \$10.00

Operation of Temporary Entertainment Events (Sub LL No. 1.12)

Other events

High impact events, and Multiple day event -\$1,310.00

3. Change the wording regarding overtime for internments on weekends or public holidays as below:

Other Fees

Weekend/Public Holidays

All internments that require work to be carried out on weekends or public holidays will be charged an additional rate of \$110.00 per hour up to a maximum of \$1,110.00, excluding staff travel time.

Carried

4.2 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Capital Works Program

Resolution

Moved Cr D Ingram

Seconded Cr J McNally

THAT Council receive the draft 2015/2016 Capital Works Program as detailed in Attachment 1 for inclusion in the 2015/2016 Draft Budget for adoption at the 24 June 2015 Council meeting, with the following changes:

- \$145,000 allocated for the Mobile Library, be moved from the Capital Works Program to a contingency fund for grants
- \$15,000 allocated for lighting of recreational park area in Allora be moved from the Capital Works Program to a contingency fund for grants

Carried

4.3 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Operating Budget

Resolution

Moved Cr D Ingram

Seconded Cr J McNally

THAT Council defer consideration of the draft Operating Budget for 2015/2016 until the Special Meeting to be held on 22 June 2015.

Carried

4.4 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Levies

Resolution

Moved Cr J McNally

Seconded Cr G Rees

THAT Council defer consideration of proposed levies in Council's 2015/2016 Draft Budget until the Special Meeting to be held on 22 June 2015.

Carried

4.5 Information on Disposal of White Plant Fleet and Potential Reduced Plant Capital Budget

Resolution

Moved Cr V Pennisi

Seconded Cr R Bartley

THAT Council:

1. Defer discussions around 2015/2016 Budget for Plant until the Special Meeting to be held on 22 June 2015.
2. Review the policy for white plant by December 2015, which includes replacement of white plant when it reaches 120,000km or 5 years.

Carried

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.04pm.

ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTE ITEMS
for the
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

9 JUNE 2015

NIL